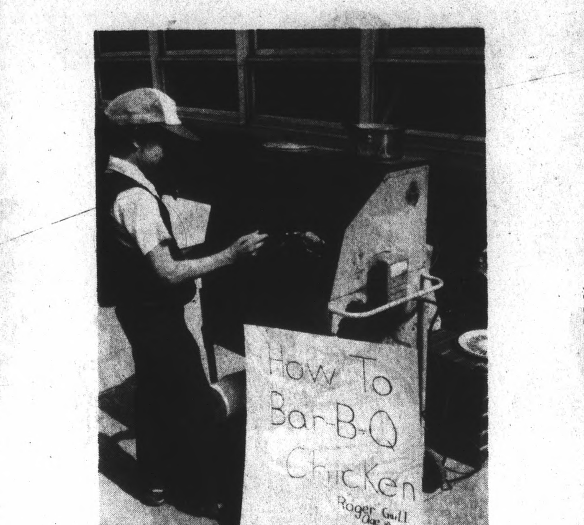
Back row, left to right - Troy Roope, Safety; Bobby Hart, Electric/Energy; J. C. Rogers, Rocketry and front row, Marla Garret, Hobbies.

Back row - left ro right - Gina McCormick, Clothing; Charlene Reed, Child Care; Kandy Driskill, Home Management. Front row, Elizabeth Saunders, Health; Janet Smith, Home Environment and Robin Miller, Arts and Crafts.



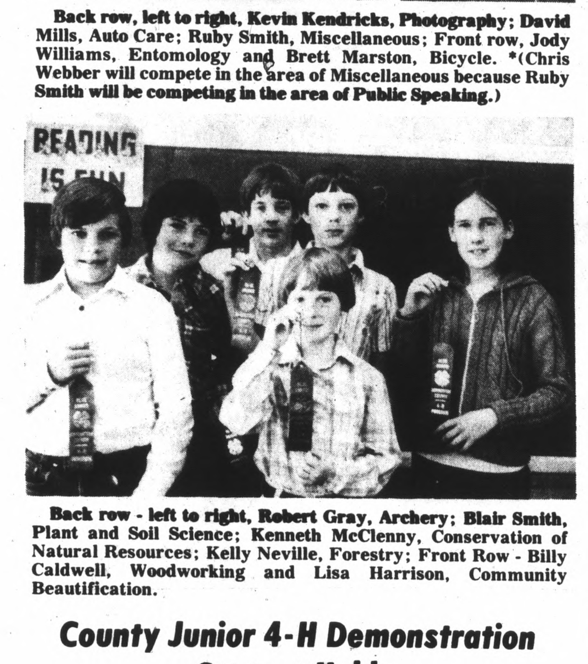
Roger Guill, Chick-N—Que.

Left to right - Angela Williams, Dog Care; Jonathan White, Small Pets; Frankie Webber, Fishing and Russell Walton, Dairy.

Left to right, Pam Sellers, Breads and Cereals and Susan Booker, Milk and Milk Products.

Left to right, Martha Haley, Meat and Meat Substitutes and Carrell Almond, Fruits and Vegetables.

Back row, left to right, Kevin Kendricks, Photography; David Mills, Auto Care; Ruby Smith, Miscellaneous; Front row, Jody Williams, Entomology and Brett Marston, Bicycle. *(Chris Webber will compete in the area of Miscellaneous because Ruby Smith will be competing in the area of Public Speaking.)



Back row - left to right, Robert Gray, Archery; Blair Smith, Plant and Soil Science; Kenneth McClenny, Conservation of Natural Resources; Kelly Neville, Forestry; Front Row - Billy Caldwell, Woodworking and Lisa Harrison, Community Beautification.

County Junior 4-H Demonstration Contest Held

The Appomattox County Junior 4-H Demonstraton and Illustrated Talk Contest was held Saturday, April 28, 1979, at the Appomattox Elementary School. Demonstration and Illustrated Talk Contests are conducted differently from other 4-H contests.

Instead of selecting county winners, from a qualifying contest conducted in each school, all participants compete on the county level and then a county winner is selected from each category to compete at the Junior Area Contest.

Sixty-eight 4-H'ers gave a demonstration or an illustrated talk. These 4-H'ers were supported by the presence of their family and friends. Each participant received a blue, red or white ribbon depending upon the judges' decision. Thirty of these 4-H'ers were selected from their category to compete in the Junior Area Contest which will be held at the Appomattox Middle School, Saturday, May 19, 1979. These 4-H'ers are pictured below:

In addition, several other 4-H'ers were selected from other 4-H contests to compete in the Junior Area Contest: Laurie Cowan, Fashion Revue; Mike McCoy, Share-the-Fun; Scott Drinkard, Share-the-Fun; Brett Marston, Public Speaking; and Ruby Smith Public Speaking.

Other participants in the County Junior 4-H Demonstration and Illustrated Talks were: Fontella Robinson, Teresa Taylor, Kelly Paulette, Norma Richardson. Glen McClenny, Emily Shea, Chris Tyree, Mike Hansen, Clinton Saunders, Lisa Campbell, Sally Coleman, Tom Cobb, Jennifer Inge, Phil Bollinger, Karen Stevens, Lee Drinkard, Kelly Webber, Tonia McCoy, Sherry Wilcox, Teffner Richardson, Tiffany Royal, Nancy Wooldridge, Jessica Stanley, Kathy Bryan, Cindy Clark, Donna Dickerson, Michelle Ford, Candace Hix, Betsy Wingfield, Lisa Williamson, Janis Abernathy, Danny Notestein, Sherry Ferguson, Lisa Daubenspeak, Nancy Cole, and Timmy Seamster.

Special appreciation is given to our senior 4-Hers and adults who showed their interest and support by serving as judges or chairmen. They were Susan Parris, Susan Shoter, Ernie Chenault, Steve Cobb, Mr. Mike Hancock, Dana White, Allen Smith, Mrs. Betty Bryan, Mrs. Cobb, Lisa Moore, Laura Walton, Terri Nash, Mary Dyess, Cheryl Walton, Rhonda Nash, Mrs. Louise Plunkett, Mrs. Gaye Stevens, Philip Jacobs, David Caldwell and Laurie McLean.

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

When a nice rain is needed for the garden, farmland or lawn, there are several ways to bring it about. Our Indian tribues usually had a designated rainmaker among their number, and he employed special dances and ceremonies, all programmed to induce precipitation. But there are other ways to get it to rain. Back in the days when dirt roads were the major avenues of travel, and mud and dust were problems, a surefire way to bring on rain was to wash your car. Just seemed to work out that way. Wash your car to make a big show when you arrived at church or at some social gathering, and the rains would come and you would arrive splattered with mud. Same in the horse and buggy days, for I recall at a young age being a veteran buggy-washer. Yet another way to induce rain, even today, is to water your garden. Saturday I made several long trips to my small garden toting water for the drooping tomato plants. Sunday night is rains. Works that way most of the time. Among other ways to induce rain is planning an outdoor meal. Rain clouds often follow the picnic basket. There are also several minor ways to induce rain, such as planning your first trip to the beaches. Ah yes, I do not know if they still sell rain insurance, or if you depend upon an almanac. But I have listed some of the ways to bring on rain. And after all, we depend upon rain so very much we are fortunate to live in an area which usually is blessed by Mother Nature.

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With school about ready to close for the session, the matter of summer jobs comes up. What to do during "vacation?" I do not know about the job situation, but I do recall some summer jobs I had. One summer I worked in a department store, in the department handling Victrola records (78's). That summer the hit records were by Art Gilliam (The Whispering Pianist) and Gene Austin. Another summer I worked in a chain food store, in Portsmouth. I needed the money and turned down an invitation to go with a friend to his home in British Columbia. And one summer I spent most of the weeks canvassing churches for funds for a children's home. It is a good idea for students to keep busy and I hope jobs are available for those who want them. Education is expensive and the extra money made during vacation helps.

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The world's most popular rose? The Peace Rose. None in my garden, but there is a perfect one in a vase in our living room, thanks to a thoughtful friend. I do have a red Blaze, and counted plenty of buds on this climber.

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We are cautioned to conserve gasoline, yet the urge to travel is dominant. One answer may be to take shorter trips. There is so much to see right here in Virginia. And right here in Appomattox County. Get a recent map of Virginia and make a list of likely spots. Even if you have been there before, it has changed and there will be new things to see. There are 50 stars in our national banner. Each one stands for something great. But be proud of Virginia. And Appomattox. Thanks for reading. Seeya next week.

OPENING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR HOLIDAY LAKE

All facilities at Holiday Lake will be open to the public May 19 and May 20 weather permitting.

The facilities at the lake will open for season on Saturday, May 26th.

ACHS Students recently touring Mexico, shown above, were: back row, left to right, Rob Stewart, Tamara Nash, Steve Conner, Skebo Ferguson, Robbie Robinson, Nancy Beane, Susan Smith, and Jonathan Pickett; second row, left to right, Steve Cobb, Ellen Lyons, Lisa Moore, Linda Cowan, Teresa Campbell and Sharon White; and on front row, left to right, Kathy Lewis, Cindy Alderson, Jane Eagle, Sharon Cheatham, Beth Carter, and Gary moore.

ACHS Students Visit Mexico

Have you ever been in a foreign country with only your teacher as your guide? That's the position twenty Spanish students found themselves in when they spent the week of April 12-19 in Mexico. Mrs. Marcella McKay, the Spanish teacher at Appomattox County High School, her husband, Charlie, and Mrs. Ray Archer served as chaperones.

The week was packed full with tours especially planned to interest the group. Included were, the Basilica of Guadalupe, Chapultepec Castle, the Pyramids, the University of Mexico, and several other points of interest.

A tired, but pleased, bus load of tourists arrived at 2 a.m. on Friday, April 20.

Viva Mexico!

Skate Night For Billy Winston

There will be a special night of skating on Monday, June 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for William David Winston (Billy), son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winston of Route 4, Appomattox.

Billy, age 15, has an illness which requires him and his parents to make frequent trips to the Apoxy Clinic in Mexico. The proceeds from this special night of skating will go toward defraying the expenses of Billy's extensive travel and treatments.

Billy is a freshman at Appomattox County High School, however, at this time he is unable to attend and is presently being tutored.

This Special Night of Skating is being sponsored by the Delta Zeta Chapter. Tickets may be purchased for $2.00 per skater, by contacting Bonnie Pankey (352-8201) Vicki Lucado (352-7093), or Cindy Thomas (352-8382).

The success of this Special Night for Billy will depend on your support.

County Rescue Squad Responds To 41 Calls In April

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 41 calls during the month of April. In doing so they traveled a total of 1,647 miles and spent 159 manhours. CPR training for squad members totaled 5 hours.

In response to 6 automobile accidents, 7 persons were treated at the scene. Eight persons were monitored on the EKG machine en route to the hospital and two people required oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: breathing difficulties, 6; falls 6; heart attacks, 2; abdominal pains, 4; broken bones, 4; DOA, 1; fainting, 1; nose bleed, 1; cuts, 2; strokes, 2; chest pains, 1; and transport by doctor's request, 5.

Board Adopts School Textbooks

The Appomattox County School Board met in regular session on Wednesday, May 9, 1979, at 3:00 p.m. in the School Board Office. Prior to the meeting members of the board met for lunch and a tour of the Appomattox Elementary School. The board had an active session, receiving information from different areas of the school program and taking action on a number of important issues.

Since February of this year committees have been reviewing textbooks in the areas of elementary language arts, secondary English and literature, Latin, Spanish, elementary social studies and secondary history, geography, government, economics and sociology. Recommendations from the committees composed of parents and teachers were received by the board and approved. The subject areas and textbooks adpted are as follows:

Elementary Language Arts: MacMillan English for grades K-6, Series E. Secondary Literature: Theme and Writers Series by Robert Carlsen, published by McGraw-Hill Book Company. Secondary English: Engish Grammar and Composition by Warriner. Foreign Language: Latin for American by Ullman. Spanish I, II, III and IV by Marshall, Schmitt and Woodford, published by McCraw Hill. Social Studies: Our Land and Heritage, Grades 1-6. Scott-Foresman Social Studies, Grade 7. American: Its people and values, History 8. Land and People: A World Geography, Grades 9-12. Rise of the American Nation, History 11. American Government: Comparing Political Experiences, Grade 12. Economics: Principals and Practices, Grades 10-12. Sociology: The Study of Human Relationships, Grades 10-12.

During the past year librarians and guidance counselors developed evaluation instruments for principals to use in the evaluation of the performance of personnel in these areas. In the past the regular teacher evaluation instrument was used which was not entirely appropriate for personnel in special areas.

The school board reviewed the instruments and adopted them to be used as a part of personnel evaluation with librarians and guidance counselors, beginning with the 1979-80 session.

Board members reviewed the results of standardized achievement tests administered to fourth, eighth and eleventh grade students during 1978-79. Students were tested in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies and science. The mean scores of all students tested compared to the mean ability score of all students tested indicated that students are performing at or above their ability levels in most areas. Some weaknesses were revealed by the tests in eleventh grade students in social studies and science.

The board instructed the superintendent to request Alexander, Newton and McCraw to renew the school board package insurance policy for 1979-80. The only change in the policy will include an increase in the blanket buildings and contents amount by 7% over the previous year.

Other Information:

Set two meetings dates for

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Poppy Days - May 25 - 26

On Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th, all of us will be asked to wear a red memorial poppy. As most of you certainly know, once each year Americans observe Poppy Day which is a voluntary tribute to our dead and disabled servicemen.

By accepting one of these poppies from a member of the American Legion Auxiliary or some other volunteer we aid the living victims of the past wars while honoring our dead. The poppy grew in the battlefields of France and Belgium where American servicemen have fallen during two World Wars. In the years following the first World War the poppy came to be recognized as nature's tribute to the war dead, and it was soon adopted as The American Legion and Auxiliary's official memorial flower.

The poppies you will wear on Poppy Day have an even greater significance than the flowers which bloomed on the battlefields of Europe. These memorial poppies you will be offered have been made in hospitals and workshops where the suffering of war still exists. The disabled veterans who make these flowers are able to gain a dual benefit from their work - the poppy program gives many men their only opportunity to support themselves and their families;and it offers them a productive pastime with which to combat long hours in the hospital wards.

Volunteers who offer the poppies to the public — unlike the disabled veterans — receive nothing tangible for their work. However, these workers gain satisfaction from their contribution to a program which honors the war dead while assisting the livng. Money dropped into contribution boxes in exchange for poppies goes directly to the welfare activities of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary; all funds are used for the aid of disabled veterans, their families, and the families of deceased servicemen.

Understanding the character and purpose of Poppy Day, would any of us wish to ignore this appeal? I am sure all of us will consider it a privilege to wear a poppy again this year on Poppy Day.

WOW & GROVE PLAN INITIATION MEETINGS

Woodmen of the World Grove 6073 will have an initiation meeting on Monday night, May 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the WOW Hall.

WOW Camp 71 will have a special initiation meeting on Tuesday night, May 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the WOW Hall.

All members are urged to attend.

FAMILY READING CENTER ESTABLISHED BY RURITANS

A Family Reading Center has been established by the Oakville Ruritans, according to W. Lathan Harvey, Club President. The Center is located in Oakville Farm Supply.

A wide variety of magazines - news, sports, outdoor, farm, religious, youth and others - will be available on a current basis. There is no charge and no return is necessary. The public is invited to choose those magazines of interest.

Clean-Up Appomattox

In conjunction with area clean-up campaigns the month of May is designated clean-up month for Appomattox County.

Any group or individual desiring to organize a clean-up campaign can obtain heavy plastic litter bags for collecting and disposing of litter by calling 352-8183, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All citizens are urged to help clean up our county and keep it litter free.

Rejected Grant Leaves Tank With No Water

Council To Apply For Grant For Pipe

The Town of Appomattox is caught in a vicious circle in its long quest for a federal grant to pay for installation of water lines.

Its third application for a small cities grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development was rejected again this year, with the familiar consolation better luck next year.

Council agreed Monday night to apply for a $151,000 HUD grant to help purchase pipe for the water line to the water tank.

"I just can't see the reasoning behind the federal government's giving only part of a project," said town manager, W. R. Britton, Jr., referring to the reason Appomattox has sought HUD money for water lines since 1977.

Appomattox received in 1976 a grant for about half of the amount it had sought, enough to install a 1,000,000-gallon water storage tank to be used.

Last year the town's application scored high enough in the HUD rating process to be placed on a "stand-by" list, to get grant money if any was left over - none was. This time, however, the town's application scored about 100 points less.

"When we go through a funding cycle there's a whole new standby list," explained Joe Aversano, program manager of the HUD regional office, in Richmond Thursday. Thus, last year's high marks didn't help chances of Appomattox getting money this time.

Hud knows the town can't use the tank without the lines, Aversano said. "We did consider that" in one of the nine categories factored into the rating method, but the weight given to that factor "wasn't enough to tip them over enough to get funds."

One of the factors included in the evaluation of project applications is the availability of housing, and in this area a Catch-22 may have worked against Appomattox.

"I was told," Britton said, "one of our weak points this year was in housing. We did turn down a 48-unit housing complex" a few months ago.

The reason that housing proposal was rejected by the town council, however, was the town doesn't have water capacity to provide the service, 17,000 gallons a day Britton said, it would have required.

"So that's why we turned the housing down and because we don't have the housing is why we lost points."

Appomattox's application received 20 points on the housing factor, Aversano said, out of a possible 120.

He noted, however, that another applicant in the same category whose project was approved rated no points in that category, and the funded application with the highest number of housing points only got 45.

Some of the factors, the HUD official explained, are beyond the control of the jurisdictions applying for money. One involves the percentage of the population at or below the poverty level and in 'substandard' housing.

"The worse off you are, the better off you are" in grant ratings, he said. Aversano said the poverty percentages are calculated as updates of the 1970 census by a computer in the HUD central office.

On this factor Appomattox scored 52 points. Aversano said none of this year's winners scored below 96 points there.

That poverty factor, he said, is why "Pamplin will never make it unless they do something unique, because they don't have high enough figure on poor and substandard housing. Pamplin City has come in several times before and never rated near the top."

Pamplin also wants HUD money for a water system, and also was turned down again this year.

Benefit to low and moderate income residents of the proposed project is another criterion, and while Britton said the town's application indicated an increase in the portion of those persons who would benefit, about 75 percent up from 59 percent last year, Aversano said the points received on that account 150, were about the same as last year. He said the lowest number of points there for a winner was 184.

"It's very conceivable that score could change each year," Aversano explained whether the benefit to low and moderate income residents within the applying locality has changed.

"There are always changes which affect scoring," because the ratings are based on comparisons of all applications.

This year, he said, no proposed projects from metropolitan areas listed as benefiting less than 885 percent low income people rated high enough overall for approval.

Appomattox had to apply as a "metropolitan area" since it still is part of the Lynchburg Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). This is another irony.

The town and county have opposed plans to drop Appomattox from the SMSA on the grounds it will virtually eliminate chances for federal grants.

"I think in our program," Aversano said, "the chances are better in the non-metropolitan areas." He said about $12.5 million was available in the grants program to non-metropolitan areas in Virginia this year, compared to about $2 million for metros.

Of the 130 applications received, 30 were approved, but of the 15 "metropolitan" appications, only three were.

HUD has an additional $151,000 available, Aversano said, which was earmarked for the city of Colonial Heights under a different program but not used last year.

Britton said Appomattox has asked Fifth District Rep. W. C. (Dan) Daniel, "why we didn't get this money by default since we were on the standby list in 1978?"

Aversano said competition for the $151,000 "will be open to all the metropolitan jurisdictions" in the state, and Appomattox's standby status last year would have no bearing because the money came from a different grant category and because this is a new year.

Britton reported Monday night on a White House Conference he attended on water and sewer grants.

President Carter has taken steps to alleviate paper work involving five (5) federal agencies concerned with water and sewer loans and or grants. Britton said "will this work, and will it cut out the paper work involved in applying for these grants?"

The President has set up a Mid-Atlantic Federal Regional Council to coordinate this effort. The Town of Appomattox will be applying to this council for assistance for their projects.

Approximately twenty-five citizens appeared at the Town Council meeting to speak

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Supervisors Withdraw Jail Grant Bid

Appomattox County's plea for a federal grant to finance a new jail is apparently "off again."

At its meeting on Friday, the Board of Supervisors decided to recall a grant application to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration it had approved, reluctantly, in March.

The county has unsuccessfully sought LEAA money before because the Appomattox jail tops a state corrections department list of jails not up to state standards, the jail eventually may be closed.

Another try at the grant was initially nixed this year, but in March supervisors changed their minds and sent on a request for a grant they were told could provide up to $25,000 for a feasibility study on ways to correct the facility's deficiencies and later, $250,000 for construction.

Virginia's Division of Justice and Crime Prevention notified the county, however, it would not approve the request for construction money, only money for a feasibility study, and this made supervisors mad.

"I'm about ready to throw up, my hands and tell 'em we don't want any part of it," said Dr. S. R. Lawson, board chairman.

He added the corrections department had earlier indicated it may be able to do a feasibility study for the county, but DJCP would not accept that, requiring its own study at a cost, he said, around $27,000 for a study when we've got somebody willing to do it for us," he said. Appomattox County has developed plans but has not implemented plans for a new jail.

"We've been through two sets of plans for a new jail and the county's probably spent $25,000, and we're no closer now than we ever were," Lawson said. "You keep applying, they tell you you've got to have this and got to have that, and you keep adding local money and they don't come up with any money. I'm just fed up," the board chairman said.

His colleagues agreed, saying in unison when W. R. Britton, Jr., the panel's special projects secretary asked it they wanted to take steps required to keep the application alive "Forget it."

Supervisors reluctantly agreed to set the wheels in motion to qualify the county for another federal money program, but did so, they said, for the sake of other counties in the Central Virginia Planning District more than Appomattox.

Appomattox is the only Central Virginia County eligible to become "designated" for various financial aid offered by the Economic Development Administration.

If it takes the steps necessary to obtain that designation, however, appointing a committee with representation from various population sectors to oversee an economic plan which must be drafted and to review all applications for EDA money orginating in the county, then all counties in the planning district would be eligible for EDA programs.

Lawson, a member of the CVPDC, said, "Campbell is pushing for it, Bedford is pushing for it and Amherst wants it. I have mixed feelings about it myself, but if we don't do it we'd be locking a lot of other counties out that could be qualified."

Stonewall district supervisor Otho W. Martin, Jr. said, "I wouldn't fool with it at all if it weren't for the other counties."

Supervisors vetoed county participation in a "pilot project" of the state Emergency Services Office that could have given Britton authority to certify requests from county fuel dealers for portions of the Virginia fuel allocations reserved by the state for distribution during local emergencies.

The state office currently performs that function, Britton, the county emergency services director, said, but recently has been swamped

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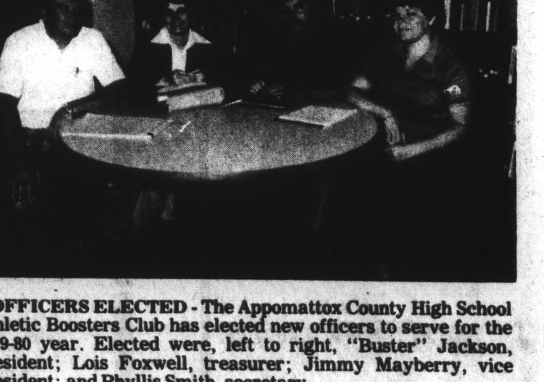

OFFICERS ELECTED - The Appomattox County High School Athletic Boosters Club has elected new officers to serve for the 1979-80 year. Elected were, left to right, "Buster" Jackson, president; Lois Foxwell, treasurer; Jimmy Mayberry, vice president; and Phyllis Smith, secretary.

The next meeting of the Boosters Club will be held June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Appomattox County High School in the library.

All members and prospective members PLEASE plan to attend as the club is in the process of planning an "Athletic Boosters Rally Week-End", to be held June 29-July 1.

MAY